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Honorable Trent Lott
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Dear Senator Lott:

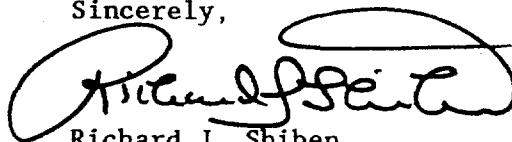
This is in reply to your letters of February 16 and 17, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituents are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituents' concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your constituents' letters will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Shiben
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Private Radio Bureau

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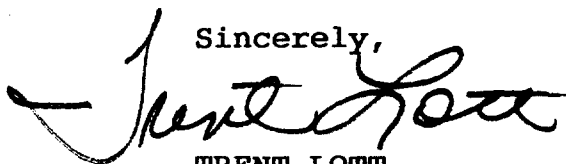
Re: Ernst W. Iversen
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Dear Al:

Please allow me this opportunity to express my interest in the above referenced constituent's case. I am confident that you will give this matter every possible consideration and respectfully request that you keep my Oxford office apprised of developments.

With high regards, I am

Sincerely,



TRENT LOTT
U. S. Senator

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Enclosure

THE HONORABLE TRENT LOTT
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

FEBR. 8, 1993

REF: PR Docket 92-235

DEAR SENATOR LOTT,

I AM WRITING TO YOU BECAUSE OF MY STRONG INTEREST IN THE DEFEAT OF THIS PROPOSAL, WHICH I UNDERSTAND WILL BE COMING TO YOUR ATTENTION IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

THE FCC LAND MOBILE SERVICE PROPOSES TO INSERT TWO NEW FREQUENCIES BETWEEN THOSE CURRENTLY BEING USED BY MODELERS.

THIS WILL HAVE A DISASTROUS EFFECT ON TENS OF THOUSANDS OF RADIO CONTROLLED MODELERS. THE RESULT WILL BE THAT THE RADIO INTERFERENCE CAUSED BY TRANSMITTERS OPERATING ON THESE FREQUENCIES WILL CAUSE A LOSS OF CONTROL OF OUR MODEL AIRCRAFT AND UNCONTROLLED CRASHES. THIS COULD CAUSE PERSONAL INJURY AS WELL AS PROPERTY DAMAGE. THE AIRPLANES WHICH I BUILD AND FLY WEIGH FROM 5 TO 8 Lbs., AND TRAVEL AT SPEEDS OF 50 TO 80 MILES PER HOUR. THEY ARE NOT TOYS.

I HAVE BUILT AND FLOWN ENGINE POWERED MODEL AIRCRAFT SINCE I WAS 13 YEARS OLD. I AM ABOUT TO HAVE MY 65th BIRTHDAY, HAVE RECENTLY RETIRED, AND HAVE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO REALLY ENJOYING THIS SPORT. I HAVE THREE SETS OF RADIO GEAR, THREE PLANES, SEVERAL ENGINES, PLUS FIELD AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT. THIS REPRESENTS AN INVESTMENT OF WELL OVER A THOUSAND DOLLARS. SHOULD THIS PROPOSAL PASS IT WILL BECOME UNSAFE TO OPERATE AND VIRTUALLY WORTHLESS.

I AM A MEMBER OF A LOCAL FLYING CLUB OF APPROXIMATELY 25 MEMBERS. ALL MEMBERS OF OUR CLUB ARE MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS (AMA). THE AMA CELEBRATES IT'S 57th ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR. THERE ARE SEVERAL THOUSAND FLYING CLUBS CHARTERED BY THE AMA, AND WELL OVER 100,000 AMA MEMBERS IN THE UNITED STATES.

IN 1991 THE FCC PASSED A REGULATION THAT REQUIRED THAT WE GET NEW NARROW BAND RADIOS, OR UPDATE OUR PRESENT RADIOS TO MEET THE NEW NARROW BAND REQUIREMENT. THIS REQUIRED AN EXPENSE OF SEVENTY DOLLARS TO SEVERAL HUNDRED DOLLARS PER RADIO. SINCE THE NEW NARROW BANDS SEEMED TO OFFER ADDED SAFETY TO THE SPORT THERE WAS NO REAL OBJECTION. THIS NEW PROPOSAL, HOWEVER, SHOOT ME RIGHT OUT OF THE AIR. NOT DEFEATING THIS PROPOSAL WILL HAVE MUCH THE SAME EFFECT ON OTHER RESPONSIBLE RADIO CONTROLLED ENTHUSIASTS AS IT WILL HAVE ON ME.

I URGE YOU TO VOTE NO TO PR-92-235.

SINCERELY,

Ernst W. Iversen

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THE HONORABLE TRENT LOTT
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FEBR. 8, 1993

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DEAR SENATOR LOTT,

I WANTED TO ADD A PERSONAL STORY TO MY PRECEDING LETTER THAT I HOPE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH A DEEPER INSIGHT AS TO WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP THE PRESENT RADIO CHANNELS OPEN TO RADIO CONTROLLED MODEL ENTHUSIASTS. THIS IS A TRUE STORY.

BACK IN THE 40'S FOUR TEEN AGED BOYS WHO ATTENDED THE SAME HIGH SCHOOL GOT TOGETHER BECAUSE OF THEIR COMMON INTEREST IN FLYING ENGINE POWERED MODEL AIRPLANES. IN BUILDING AND FLYING THESE MODELS THEY LEARNED ABOUT INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES, WHAT MADE AN AIRPLANE FLY AND A LITTLE ABOUT STRUCTURAL DESIGN. SINCE THERE IS ALWAYS COMPETITION AMONG TEEN AGED BOYS EACH TRIED TO BUILD A PLANE THAT WOULD OUT PERFORM THE OTHERS. IN THE PROCESS EACH DEVELOPED AN INTEREST IN MECHANICS AND ENGINEERING.

UPON GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL ALL FOUR HAD COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO GETTING A DEGREE IN ENGINEERING. SINCE ALL THREE CAME FROM (AT BEST) MIDDLE INCOME FAMILIES THEY HAD TO WORK THEIR WAY THROUGH COLLEGE. THREE OF THE FOUR WERE 23 OR 24 YEARS OLD BEFORE THEY GOT THEIR DEGREE (BSME). THEY GOT A DEGREE NOT BECAUSE SOMEONE TOLD THEM THEY SHOULD, BUT BECAUSE OF THEIR PREVIOUS EXPERIENCES AND AN INTEREST IN WANTING TO LEARN MORE.

FROM COLLEGE TWO WENT DIRECTLY TO ENGINEERING JOBS IN INDUSTRY, ONE SERVED 2 1/2 YEARS AS AN AVIATION ORDNANCE OFFICER IN THE NAVY, AND THEN WENT TO INDUSTRY. THE FORTH MEMBER OF THIS GROUP BECAME A PILOT IN THE NAVY. HE RETIRED AFTER 20 YEARS AND NOW TEACHES MATH AND SCIENCE IN A JUNIOR COLLEGE IN VIRGINIA.

I THINK YOU WOULD HAVE TO AGREE THAT BUILDING AND FLYING MODEL AIRPLANES IS NOT ONLY A HOBBY, BUT CAN SERVE TO CREATE INCENTIVES TO LEARN. THESE INTERNALLY GENERATED INCENTIVES TO GET A BETTER EDUCATION HAVE MORE OF AN EFFECT THAN ALL THE TV COMMERCIALS IN THE WORLD THAT JUST SAY "STAY IN SCHOOL" COULD EVER HOPE TO.

DON'T ROB FUTURE GENERATIONS OF THE SAME OPPORTUNITY THAT I HAVE HAD.

VOTE NO TO PR-92-235.

RESPECTFULLY,

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